

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 2 June 2015
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, Patrick Guthrie and Eric Stange, Administrative Assistant Vicki Rose absent. (Minutes taken by Eric Stange) Chairman, presiding, JoAnn Robinson
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed the minutes from May 5, 2015. Minutes are accepted with minor revisions.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Message from Ed Hodges at 617-285-5408 regarding the roof on his barn. 82 Wollaston Ave. He wants to replace asphalt with asphalt.
 - b. Regarding 69 Bartlett Ave. (condominium) wants to replace deck railing. Contractor is Kevin Strick. The homeowner wants to make the railing taller for safety reasons. Harold Helson owner 781-588-8669. Chair Robinson will follow-up to questions about deck railing repair.
 - c. Message from John Mansfield. Curious about a neighbor's house that was torn down. It was a beautiful house that was torn down built in 1929- 20 Webcowet Road. He feels that is a shame that so many wonderful houses are being demolished to build new houses.
 - d. Message from 617-417-0874. Anthony Annear lives at 22 Webcowet Road. He is an abutter to a house that is being torn down. He is wondering about the requirements for demolition. 20 Webcowet Road. Mr. Annear is the 2nd caller regarding the demolition of houses in Arlington.
 - e. Jane Shapiro 617-489-0868 redrock1904@verizon.net about her house in Arlington. 43-45 Massachusetts Ave. She believes it was built in the 1860s. It may have been a schoolhouse. They thought that some of the timbers used to build the house were from an icehouse on Fresh Pond. She would like to know more about the house.
 - f. Richie from the Arlington School Department Maintenance called about the brass plaque about a historical battle that needs to be repaired. It is falling off the rock. The rock is across from Dunkin Donuts on Massachusetts Ave.
 - g. Call 617-799-9130.
 - h. Carol Howard question about the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory. 617-640-9709. 55 Lockeland Ave. How to find out more about the history of your house? Interested in a plaque for the house.
 - i. Linda from the Massachusetts Historical Commission
 - j. Demolition sign off request for 43/45 Beacon Street. Not in our jurisdiction.
 - k. Question from the Building Department if 59 Winter Street is on the Inventory. I confirmed that it is on the Inventory.

- l. Demolition sign off request for 54 Dorothy Road.
- m. Demolition sign off request for 87 Alpine Street.
- n. Chair Robinson has located the history of permits for 163 Park Avenue (subject of hearing later in the meeting).
- o. Chair Robinson replied to homeowner Ed Hodges regarding roof repairs.

Hearing: 8:03pm

Continuation of hearing for 163 Park Avenue (continued from May meeting).

Homeowner Scott Hankinson presents the proposal for changes with a written list including:

- Repair and replace cedar shakes on front and side as needed with size and shape matching new addition in rear Windows will be repaired and replaced to match existing as closely as possible.

Discussion of windows, siding, porches.

Public comment: Neighbor Ed Hodges, an architect, offered advice to Scott Hankinson based on his experience restoring a similar house.

Motion offered by Patrick Guthrie seconded by Pamela Meister.

Motion: The AHC will accept the proposal as presented for the scope and intent of the work with proposal to be further refined in close collaboration with the AHC monitor to insure the best possible restoration in both materials and architectural details. Motion passed unanimously. Guthrie to be the monitor. Hearing concluded at 8:38pm.

Hearing: 8:40pm

Jonathan Nyberg reports on progress at 129 Lake Street (house that was moved to adjoining lot and is being renovated and restored).

Hearing: 8:55pm

Ed Hodges, 82 Wollaston, inquires regarding replacing shingles on his barn and making repairs of molding and trim. Chair Robinson will write to the Building Department to state that the AHC has reviewed the plans, and determined that we do not have jurisdiction.

9:05pm: Resume Communications and Reports of Town Committees.

4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:

- a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
- b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- New president Stuart Boroson is elected; Pamela Meister is first vice president.

- c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission-Nothing to report.
 - d. Tourism and Economic Development (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
5. Historical Commission FY 2015 Budget – Stange still unpaid for web site registration costs, will follow up.
6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
- a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - Nothing to report.
 - b. 41 Kensington Road 9/13 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - c. 246 Park Ave 12/13 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - d. 64 Park Street 5/14 Robinson- Nothing to report. –zoning issues, Robinson will follow-up.
 - e. 129 Lake Street 12/13 Schaefer- see report by Nyberg above.
 - f. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- Project is waiting for grant funding.
 - g. 18 Robin Hood Road 3/15 Robinson- Nothing to report.
 - h. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange- Nothing to report.
 - i. 163 Park Avenue 6/15 Guthrie-see hearing results above.
7. Continuing Projects
- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Nothing to report.
 - b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Robinson reports they are planning to create a non-profit organization.
 - c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
 - d. Historic House Markers: Discussion of a plan to revive the program, find a new sign painter.
 - e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
 - f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.
8. Discussion and Hearing:
9. Old Business-
10. New Business- The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:20pm
- The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be July 7, 2015.
- For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.